

**Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs  
Energy Division**

**Meeting of the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board  
Alabama Center for Commerce, Room 342  
Montgomery, Alabama  
November 7, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members and ADECA Staff Present**

Sonny Richardson, Chairman of the Board  
Alabama Home Builders' Association

Bruce Johnson  
Private, Investor Owned  
Electric Utilities

Steve Roberson  
Natural Gas Industry

Mark Nelson  
LP Gas Board

Jack Reid  
Home Builders Licensure Board

Beth Chancey  
Property and Casualty Insurance

Lindsey Carter  
County Commissions

Linda Snapp  
American Institute of Architects

Randall Whorton  
Licensed Professional Engineers

Donnie West  
Alabama Joint Fire Council

Alan Boswell  
International Code Council

Rep. Greg Wren  
House Member of the Permanent  
Joint Legislative Committee on Energy

Terri Adams  
ADECA Energy Division Chief

Claudia Smith  
ADECA Legal Counsel

Bill Babington  
ADECA Energy Efficiency & Renewables  
Section Chief

Karen Clifton  
ADECA Energy Division

*A summary of the board meeting follows. A full transcript of the Board meeting is on file in the ADECA Energy Division and will be circulated during the next meeting for review or comment.*

The Alabama Energy and Residential Codes (AERC) Board convened at approximately 10:10 a.m. in room 342 of the Alabama Center for Commerce in Montgomery, Alabama with members listed above present and representing a quorum. Chairman, Sonny Richardson opened the hearing and introduced Cory Ellis, who would shortly be appointed to the board by Governor Bentley. Chairman Richardson invited Mr. Ellis to sit at the table with the board and join in the discussion although he could not vote. Mr. Richardson then introduced Representative Greg Wren, also a board member, who thanked the other board members for their continued efforts and indicated that the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Energy Policy would do what they could to facilitate any statutory changes necessary to move forward with adoption of energy codes. Representative Wren then introduced Frank Caskey, an attorney with the Legislative Reference Service, who outlined the rulemaking process the code would go through before being fully adopted. He also answered several questions from the board members and Ms. Clifton.

Mr. Richardson then recognized Alan Boswell who was voted building official of the year by the International Code Council at their meeting in Phoenix, Arizona the previous week.

Claudia Smith informed the board they would not be able to hold officer elections at this meeting due to the date and time of posting the meeting on the Open Meetings website. Discussion on any old business could continue and be voted on in this meeting, however no new business could be discussed.

Ms. Clifton then informed the board that she had copies of the transcript from the previous meeting available, but did not receive the transcript in time to develop minutes. Ms. Smith indicated that there were things that were discussed off of the record that would need to be included in the minutes also. The board dispensed with the reading of the transcript or minutes until the next meeting.

After discussion, the board voted to adopt the 2009 International Residential Code (IRC), including the energy chapter, with the previously adopted modifications to the energy chapter, and chapters 15, 16 and 24. The board also voted to allow use of the current version of the National Electrical Code® in lieu of chapter 34 of the IRC.

The revised code will be advertised for 35 days in the *Administrative Monthly* beginning November 30, 2011. The board scheduled the public hearing on January 12, 2012 to be immediately followed by a board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:54 PM.

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Signature

Date